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1. Prior to late May 1953, it was determined that, after the execution of reinforcement work, the following bridges had a load capacity of 80/15 tons:

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2. Bridges opened to traffic included bridge ABB-B-8 near Gross Koeris, on 18 May; bridges F 188-SA-1 at Liethe near Guesten, and F 192-M-6 at Elde near Eldenburg, on 14 June. The latter two bridges have a load capacity of 80/15 tons.²

3. On 25 June, the East German government ordered that all administrative agencies return part of their budget allocations. The bridge construction program was cut by about 13 million eastmarks.³ Bridge construction projects of the 1953 Economic Plan, which had to be canceled, included:

Burig	Nossen
Wernsdorf	Dahlewitz
Niederlehme	Schwanebeck
Uetz	Theringswerda
Havelland	Burkau
over the Oder-Havel Canal	Gross Roehrsdorf
Finowfurth	Zschorna
over the Schleusengraben at Golzow	Radeburg
Kaiserwegbruecke at Finowfurth on Highway F-167	Jordansthal-Bautzen
Rothensee	Pietschwitz
over the Spree River at Bautzen	Wilsdruff on L-10 Highway
Schlipkau	Nennersdorf

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4. The road bridge in Frankfurt/Oder was completed in the fall of 1952. This bridge, which is on Highway No F-5, crosses the river on the extension of Breite Strasse. The bridge has not yet been opened to traffic, which is still directed via a temporary structure located about 300 meters north of the new bridge. ⁴ Concreting work on the Autobahn bridge in Frankfurt/Oder has been completed on the first span, reckoned from the western side of the river. Concreting work on the second span was started on 13 May. Pier No 6 and the abutment on the east side of the bridge will be completed by late August. ⁵

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5. [redacted] the bridge in Guben will be reconstructed by 15 December 1953. ⁶ On 1 May, one lane of the Autobahn bridge at Klein Bademeusel was opened to traffic. Construction work on this bridge will soon be discontinued. The subgrade of the second lane, which remains to be completed, was being covered with earth. ⁷ Surveying was to have been started for the bridge in Muskau in late May 1953. The bridge is to be rebuilt by the Poles in 1954.

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6. [redacted] the road bridge over the Muehlgraben at Kilometer-marker 65.733 near Goersdorf on the Muskau - Goerlitz Highway (No 155) has a load capacity of 80 tons. ¹

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7. The new road bridge over the Oder River in Frankfurt/Oder was completed in the fall of 1952. However, traffic continues to be directed via the temporary bridge built by Soviet engineer troops in 1945. ⁴

8. [redacted] the road bridge over the Neisse River near Lodenau was to be reconstructed. ⁸

9. [redacted] no indications of an intended reconstruction of the road bridge over the Neisse River near Zoblitz-Lodenau. ⁸

10. The road bridge over the Oder River in Frankfurt in the course of Highway No 5 was opened to traffic on 1 June 1952. It was not definitely completed before October 1952. The bridge is 265 meters long and was built at a cost of 7,021,000 Eastmarks. ⁴

11. [redacted] the State Secretariat for Motor Traffic and Roads, [redacted] a plan of the reconstructed road bridge over the Oder River in Frankfurt. The bridge crosses the river on the extension of Breite Strasse. ⁴

12. [redacted] the construction plan of the autobahn bridge under construction over the Oder River south of Frankfurt. ³

1. [redacted] Comment. This information supplements a previously transmitted list of bridges on long-distance highways.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The construction of these bridges which replaced temporary structures, was included in the 1953 bridge construction program.

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3. [redacted] Comment. These cuts in budgetary allocations were decreed for inner political reasons.

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] bridge plan, see Annex 1. For location of the two bridges, [redacted]

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5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] bridge plan, see Annex 2. Information on the construction of this Autobahn bridge was transmitted previously. For last report, [redacted]

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6. [redacted]

7. [redacted] Comment. The completion of one lane of this bridge was scheduled for late June 1953. [redacted]

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8. [redacted] Comment. The reconstruction of this destroyed bridge over the Neisse River was not included in previous bridge construction programs.

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